IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph **[0007]**of the specification with the following paragraph in its entirety:

-- **[0007]** Referring now to FIG. 2 in addition to FIGS. 1A-1C, contained within ground shield 101 are a number of complimentary components including a dielectric housing 110, a shield insert 111, a circuit board sub-assembly 112, and a switching block 113. Dielectric housing 110 is unitarily molded of dielectric material such as plastic or the like in a generally cube-shaped configuration. Dielectric housing 110 defines plug receiving cavity 103 on its front face 114 and an insert receiving cavity 115 open on its rear face 116. Plug receiving cavity 103 and insert receiving cavity 115 are separated from each other in part by internal wall 120, formed at the same time as dielectric housing 110 from the same dielectric material, which extends from the inner surface of housing wall 123 to the inner surface of housing wall 124. Inner cavities 121 and 122 connect the upper and lower portions respectively of plug receiving cavity 103 and insert receiving cavity 115 to one another, and provide spaces through which the first 119 and second 117 walls of shield insert 111 pass during assembly. Dielectric housing 110 is mounted in ground shield 101 by sliding housing 110 in the direction of arrow A. FIG. 6 depicts jack 100 after dielectric housing 110, together with the other complimentary components forming jack 100, is mounted in ground shield 101. --

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Please replace paragraph **[0008]**of the specification with the following paragraph in its entirety:

-- **[0008]** Shield insert 111 is unitarily molded of dielectric material such as plastic or the like in a generally u-shaped configuration having three walls. The first 119 and second 117 walls generally oppose each other and are joined together by the third wall 118 which is transversely oriented to the first 119 and second 118 walls. The outer surface of insert first wall 119 defines a sub-assembly receiving recess 125, and a switching block receiving cavity 127 is open between the inner and outer surfaces of insert third wall 118. Switching block 113 is unitarily molded of dielectric material such as plastic or the like and is slideably mounted in switching block receiving cavity 127 during assembly by inserting block 113 in the direction of arrow C. FIG. 3 depicts jack 100 after switching block 113 has been

slideably mounted in switching block receiving cavity 127. Switching block 113 while slideably mounted in cavity 127 can move towards both the front and the rear of jack 100. --

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Please replace paragraph **[0013]**of the specification with the following paragraph in its entirety:

-- **[0013]** During assembly, once terminal contacts 135 and 137 and switching contacts 136 are mounted to circuit board sub-assembly 112, the package of components are mounted in shield insert 111 assembly receiving recess 125 by moving the package of components in the direction of arrow D. FIG. 4 depicts jack 100 with circuit board sub-assembly 112 mounted in assembly receiving recess 125. Shield insert 111 is then mounted in insert receiving cavity 115 by moving shield insert 111 in the direction of arrow B. FIG. 5 depicts jack 100 with shield insert 111 mounted in insert receiving cavity 115 of dielectric housing 110. Dielectric housing 110 is then mounted in ground shield 101 by moving dielectric housing 110 in the direction of arrow A. FIG. 6 depicts jack 100 with dielectric housing mounted in ground shield 101. Finally, ground shield rear wall segments 139 and 140 are bent approximately ninety degrees to form mounting face 107 of ground shield 101. FIG. 7 depicts jack 100 in its final stage of assembly. --

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Please amend the Abstract as follows:

-- A modular jack for receiving complimentary plugs. The jack comprises a ground shield, a dielectric housing, a shield insert, a switching block, a circuit board sub-assembly, a plurality of terminal contacts, and a plurality of switching contacts. The ground shield has a plug receiving face that is open to expose a plug receiving cavity and is adapted to receive a complimentary plug. The ground shield also has a mounting face which defines grounding springs that extend inward towards the plurality of switching contacts. Portions of some of the terminal contacts extend in cantilever fashion into the plug receiving cavity while portions of some the terminal contacts extend through the ground shield forming terminal posts. A number of the terminal contacts have contact switching pads upon which mating portions of the switching contacts rest. When a plug having a switching protrusion on its

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lower front surface is inserted in the plug receiving cavity, the switching block slides towards the ground shield mounting face lifting the mating portions of the switching contacts off the contact switching pads until they touch the ground springs extending from the ground shield mounting face. --

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